

there may become even worse than that prevailing in Jammu-Kashmir and Punjab. I would urge upon the Hon'ble Minister that a long term plan may be chalked out to check the growing activities of ISI in Bihar.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (Hooghly) : A very serious development is taking place in the United States of America. Several thousands of Indians living in that country are currently facing the threat of a new immigration law which is violative of the spirit of multilateralism and also violative of human rights. It is taking place in a country which, day in and day out, sermonises on human rights. The situation is something like this that by the new immigration law, Indians who are living there will be debarred from taking their wives and parents to the United States, if their earnings are below a certain level. While the WTO is insisting on opening up markets, liberalising import tariffs and while there is a demand from developed countries like the USA for free movement of goods, they are not allowing free movement of personnel.

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They are not allowing free movement of personnel. Our own professionals, workers and employees are working throughout the world. Many of them are working in the United States. They are working hard there. They are earning their bread. But they cannot take their wives or parents to that land according to the new immigration law. The position of the United States Government is rather paradoxical. While they are insisting on us to open up trade and to lower their tariff in imports, they are not allowing our own people to go freely and work there, take their wives and parents to their land. I would urge upon the Ministry of External Affairs to take up the matter with the United States Government so that thousands of Indians who are living there are not made to suffer under the new Immigration law.

[Translation]

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the House to a news item telecast/broadcast last night on TV and All India Radio and published in almost all the newspapers today.

Shailendra Mahato, an ex-Member of this House has in his statement said that after his incarceration religion has had so profound an influence on him that he wants to speak the truth. He has stated that Rs. 50 lakhs each was given to cast vote in favour of Narsimha Raoji on the No Confidence Motion on 23 July, 1993. He has narrated the whole episode. Court proceedings is a different matter, I don't want to interfere in that. I have given a notice for Privilege Motion in this regard. The matter is very serious.

[English]

The whole conduct of Shri Shailendra Mahato, Shri Buta Singh and Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao is unbecoming of a member of this House.

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Having given for the Privilege Motion you have to wait.

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : The matter relates to the giving of bribes by Narsimha Raoji and Buta Singhji.

[English]

That is a different thing. I am raising this in the zero Hour also ... (Interruptions) The whole conduct is unbecoming the conduct of the Member of the House. It has lowered the dignity of the Parliament as a whole and as an institution.

[Translation]

I have given in writing in this regard. I would like to demand to refer the matter to the Privilege Committee which should go into the conduct of them all to be followed by exemplary punishment in deserving cases. This House has been put to insult in the eyes of the public. They have committed sin, they deserve punishment. I have given for a Privilege Motion on that whereupon I am looking forward to your ruling.

[English]

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : The hon. Member has raised something. He has got the right and you have allowed him.

But it is not proper to raise this issue when the matter is before the court and the case is going on. What he has said is a fact, there is no doubt about it. But do not make an issue here. Somebody has given a statement. You will now be examining and after the examination, if it is found to be correct, then only Parliament comes into the picture. That allegation has come on the basis of his alleged statement. ... (Interruptions) I have not interrupted you. Have I interrupted you? I have allowed you to speak, whatever you want.

My only submission is that it is a statement by a person who became an approver in a case. Now his statement will be verified by the appropriate authority and if ultimately the judgement is given on the basis of what he has said, that situation will arise then, not now. So, please do not keep it on the record of the House. ... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar.

... (Interruptions)